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Title: INTEGRATED COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (CI) AND INTERROGATOR-TRANSLATOR (ITT) TEAMS

Operation/Exercise Name: MARFOR PROMOTE LIBERTY Observed: 13 Jun 1990

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

In Panama, Counterintelligence (CI) and Interrogator-Translator (ITT) Marines operated together in integrated Sub-teams.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

In order to maximize the counter-intelligence skills of CI and ITT Marines, they were paired into two-man sub-teams that operated throughout the countryside in support of Marine forces. These sub-teams assessed areas, developed contacts, and generally interfaced with the local government and populace. In doing so, they became critical to developing accurate Human Intelligence (HUMINT). Separate employment of either CI or ITT would have significantly reduced their effectiveness, for neither possessed the skills to operate without the other.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

CI and ITT are best employed as integrated sub-teams in a low intensity conflict.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That consideration be given to combining ITT and CI into HUMINT teams and that training at Navy and Marine Intelligence Training Center (NMITC) emphasize the use of both together.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None stated.
